

Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund

Investment objective

The objective of the fund is to provide a regular, above average income through investing in a range of bonds and bond market instruments that meet strict criteria ethically and financially.

Fund snapshot

The manager runs the benchmark-agnostic fund with a strongly defined view that accounts for economic and political trends, company analysis, and thematic ideas. The investment grade fund targets a high yield with a strong ethical overlay. Once investment themes have been developed, the team carry out credit analysis to find the assets that work best within the thematic framework. Cash flow and strong balance sheets are key in determining bond selection, with the team applying the 'Four Cs Plus' principles: character, capacity, collateral and covenants. The 'Plus' is conviction - that to achieve above-average long-term performance, the team feel they must think differently to the market. After that, an ethical overlay is applied which consists of a negative screening followed by a positive screening.

Fund facts

Manager	Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited
Trustee	NatWest Trustee and Depository Services
Date Launched/Launch Price	14 May 2002/100p (fund)
Size of fund	Mid-market: £1,114.37m ^{††}
Unit price	Income (Inc): 93.32p Accumulation (Acc): 202.72p
Historical distribution yield*	4.20%
Total no. of holdings	215
Initial charge	None
MiFID II charges	
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) as at 30.09.2018	1.29%
Transaction costs	0.08%
Total MiFID II charges	1.37%
The MiFID II charges include the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) and transaction costs. PRIIPs compliant ^{††}	
Minimum initial investment	£1,000
Minimum additional investments	£500

Distributions per unit

Latest distributions		
Interim	2.15p (est)	
Interim	2.13p	
Annual	2.03p	
Interim	2.13p	
Ex div	Payment	
Interim	01 Apr 19	31 May 19
Interim	01 Jan 19	28 Feb 19
Annual	01 Oct 18	30 Nov 18
Interim	01 Jul 18	31 Aug 18
Year end 30 September ^{^^}		
Since 6 April 2017, distributions are paid gross.		

Maturity distribution

Data as at 31.03.19	% in fund
0-5 Years	25.83
5-10 Years	41.56
10-15 Years	16.56
15+ Years	14.20
Cash	1.85
Modified Duration	6.31 years

Manager ratings



Bryn Jones

Dealing/valuation

Forward daily: 9.00am-5.00pm
Valuation point: 12.00 midday
Dealing/valuation: 0330 123 3810
Information line: 020 7399 0399

Fund codes

Sedol (Inc): 3095702
Sedol (Acc): 3095713
ISIN (Inc): GB0030957020
ISIN (Acc): GB0030957137

Product availability

For Investment Advisers, third party availability – all major platforms.

For more information, please see our 'distribution partners' page on the 'How to Invest' section of our website rathbonefunds.com

Awards



Management



Bryn Jones
Fund Manager

Bryn joined Rathbones in November 2004 and heads up the fixed income team. He has over 20 years' investment industry experience in equity and fixed income markets. Bryn is a WMA representative and sits on the IA fixed income advisory committee.



Noelle Cazalis
Assistant Fund Manager

Noelle joined Rathbones in July 2011 and was made assistant manager in January 2016. Noelle works with Bryn Jones, providing in-depth credit analysis for the bond funds and Rathbone's fixed income committee. She also assists the Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolios team with their bond investments.

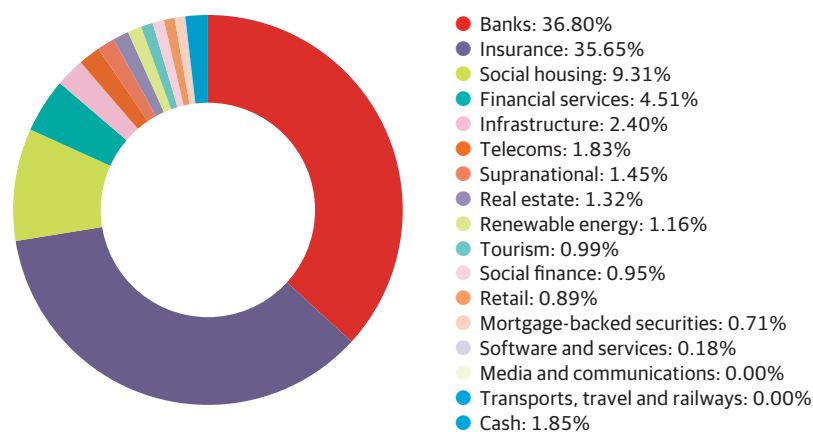
Fund ratings



^{††}Please note that the change in size of fund is as a result of the Luxembourg SICAV version of this fund converting from a master feeder structure to a directly managed fund. If you have any questions please contact your financial adviser.

Sector asset allocation (iBoxx sector classifications)

Data as at 31.03.19



R-Class fund performance

Data as at 31.03.19

	1 year	3 years	5 years
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	2.65%	17.31%	27.51%
IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector	2.96%	14.01%	24.81%
Quartile rank	3	1	2

Discrete annual performance, quarter ending 31 March

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	10.15%	-1.32%	9.24%	4.61%	2.65%
IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector	10.61%	-1.03%	8.88%	1.70%	2.96%

	Alpha***	Beta***	Volatility***	Turnover†
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	1.68	0.60	3.90%	32.87%
IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector	0.01	0.83	4.61%	

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

10 largest holdings

Data as at 31.03.19

Company	Percentage	Yield	Expiry
Royal London	6.125%	1.99	13/11/2028
HSBC	5.844%	1.93	Perp
BPCE	5.25%	1.89	16/04/2029
Rabobank Nederland	6.91%	1.85	Perp
AXA	5.453%	1.85	Perp
Lloyds	13.0%	1.82	Perp
HBOS	7.881%	1.74	Perp
RSA Insurance Group	5.125%	1.70	10/10/2025
Aviva	6.125%	1.66	14/11/2026
Yorkshire Building Society	3.375%	1.56	13/09/2028

Credit quality distribution

Data as at 31.03.19**

Credit Quality	Percentage
AAA	1.50
AA	2.14
AA-	1.23
A+	3.87
A	4.16
A-	6.32
BBB+	24.50
BBB	30.07
BBB-	10.10
BB+	3.39
BB	2.69
B+	0.30
NR	7.88
Cash	1.85

You should know

Important information

Copies of the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), the Supplementary Information Document (SID), and application forms may be obtained, free of charge, from Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited.

Changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase.

Details of tax levels and reliefs may change in the future. The value of any tax relief depends on individual circumstances. If you have any doubts about your tax position, or the suitability of this investment, you should seek professional advice.

Interest rate fluctuations are likely to affect the capital value of investments within bond funds. When long term interest rates rise the capital value of units is likely to fall and vice versa. The effect will be more apparent on funds that invest significantly in long-dated securities. The value of capital and income will fluctuate as interest rates and credit ratings of the issuing companies change.

To meet the investment objective, the fund may also invest, at the Manager's discretion, in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash, deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stocklending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA rules.

As the Manager's annual fee is taken out from capital, distributable income will be increased at the expense of capital which will either be eroded or future growth constrained. All other income expenses are paid out of the fund's income.

Information notes

*From April 2018, the Ongoing Charges Figure has been calculated according to PRIIPs regulations, which came into effect on 1 January 2018. Holdings are based on six monthly audited accounts. Changes to fund holdings within this period may result in higher or lower ongoing charges.

*The historic distribution yield reflects the annualised income net of the expenses in the fund (calculated in accordance with the relevant accounting standards) as a percentage of the mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

**As from 30 June 2016 the fund's year end changed to 30 September.

Source performance data Financial Express, mid to mid, net income re-invested. This is net of expenses and tax. Data using prices as at 31.03.2019. ***Alpha, Beta and Volatility statistics given on a 5 year rolling basis. Alpha and Beta are calculated using the IBOX Non Gilt Index as the benchmark. Alpha, Beta and Volatility shown is annualised standard deviation of monthly returns. †Turnover is calculated on a 1 year rolling basis.

**Credit quality distribution ratings from various sources

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Source and Copyright Citywire: Bryn Jones is + rated by Citywire for his three year risk adjusted performance for the period 31.03.2016-31.03.2019.

Rathbone Unit Trust Management has achieved a Gold Rating in the Sterling Corporate Bond sector by Citywire for their rolling risk-adjusted performance, across all management teams in the sector, over the period 30.03.2012-31.03.2019.

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